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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND: SAUDI DELEGATION TO GENEVA

REF: A) JIDDA 2765; B) STATE 84869

1. SAUDI PRESS REPORTS THAT MINAGRICULTURE HASSAN AL-MISHARI WILL DEPART FOR GENEVA NEXT WEEK TO ATTEND MEETINGS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (OR BANK). DELEGATION WILL ALSO INCLUDE ALI AL-MUSALLAM, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF REORGANIZATION PLANNING AND BUDGET (AT MINAG), ABD AL-MUHSIN AL-SUDAIRI, THE SAUDI PERMANENT ENVOY TO THE FAO AND DR. MANSOUR AL-TURKI, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (AND COORDINATOR OF US/SAUDI JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION).

2. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT REPLIED REGARDING OUR REQUEST FOR CO-ORDINATION WITH THE SAUDIS. WE WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT THAT THE SAUDIS WILL BE ONE OF THE FEW DELEGATIONS TO HAVE MONEY IN HAND. THEY WILL CONSEQUENTLY BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN MEETING, AND WE WOULD SUGGEST IT IS IN INTERESTS OF USG TO COORDINATE WITH THEM. IF POSSIBLE WE WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE A MEETING IN ADVANCE WITH US DELEGATION. IN ANY EVENT, WE URGE USG TO MAKE AN EFFORT AT CULTIVATING THIS GROUP.

ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT COMMENT ON PREARRANGED MEETING. DOES WASHINGTON HAVE ADVANCE POSITION WHICH WE CAN PRESS WITH SAUDIS?

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